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Licensees:

The South Carolina Association of Opticians is offering an additional continuing education opportunity this year. **The course will be held on September 10, 2023, at Embassy Suites.**

200 Stoneridge Drive  
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Please contact [SCAO](#) for additional information and to register.

As a reminder:

- Opticians are required to complete 4-hours ABO-approved continuing education hours **each year**, for a total of 8-hours continuing education courses during the biennial renewal cycle. Of the 4-hours required, at least 3-hours must be technical courses, and 1-hour may be administrative.
  - A contact lens approved hour can substitute for an Optical 4<sup>th</sup> administrative or management hour.
- Opticians who hold a contact lens dispensing license are required to complete one 1-hour NCLE-approved continuing education hour **each year**, for a total of 2-hours contact lens continuing education courses during the biennial renewal cycle.
- Licensees may attend out-of-state, pre-approved ABO-NCLE national or state meetings: SECO, Georgia, Florida, Opticon, Vision Expo.

**CEs obtained online are not recognized by the Board, and will not be accepted towards meeting the continuing education requirements for renewal.**